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Application Number	10/004,627
Filing Date	12/04/2001
First Named Inventor	Howard M. Kingston
Art Unit	2881
Examiner Name	James P. Hughes
Attorney Docket Number	M-15307 US

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Title: Method And Apparatus For Automated In-Process, Isotope Dilution Threshold  
And Quantification Measurement Mass Spectrometry  
Serial No.: 10/004,627 Filed: 12/04/2001  
Examiner: James P. Hughes Group Art Unit: 2881  
Docket No.: M-15307 US

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- (4) Submission in Support of a Request For Continued Prosecution;
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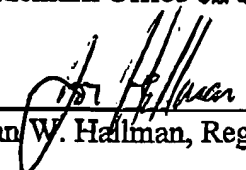
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